

APPEAL NO. 023175
FILED JANUARY 30, 2003

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing was held on November 18, 2002. The hearing officer determined that the appellant's (claimant) _____, compensable injury does not include a lumbar (low-back) spine injury. The claimant appealed and the respondent (carrier) responded, urging affirmance.

DECISION

Affirmed.

We have reviewed the complained-of determination and find that the hearing officer's Decision and Order is supported by sufficient evidence to be affirmed. The issue presented a question of fact for the hearing officer. The hearing officer is the sole judge of the weight and credibility of the evidence. Section 410.165(a); Texas Employers Ins. Ass'n v. Campos, 666 S.W.2d 286 (Tex. App.-Houston [14th Dist.] 1984, no writ). There was conflicting evidence presented on the disputed issue. It was for the hearing officer, as the trier of fact, to resolve the conflicts and inconsistencies in the evidence and to determine what facts had been established. Garza v. Commercial Ins. Co., 508 S.W.2d 701 (Tex. Civ. App.-Amarillo 1974, no writ). Nothing in our review of the record reveals that the hearing officer's determination is so contrary to the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be clearly wrong or manifestly unjust. As such, no sound basis exists for us to reverse that determination on appeal. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175, 176 (Tex. 1986).

The hearing officer's decision and order are affirmed.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **EMPLOYERS MUTUAL CASUALTY COMPANY** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

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